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SUBJ: DEATH OF UNOFFICIAL ARTIST EUGENE RUKHIN

1. LENDINGRAD'S BEST KNOWN UNOFFICIAL ARTIST EUGENE RUKHIN PERISHED EARLY MORNING MAY 24 OF APPARENT SMOKE ASPHYXIATION CAUSED BY FIRE IN HIS STUDIO. WIFE OF ANOTHER LOCAL UNOFFICIAL ARTIST YESAULENKO DIED ALSO.

2. YESAULENKO AND FOURTH PERSON, A REFUSENIK BY NAME OF LEVIN, MANAGED TO GET OUT OF BUILDING.

3. FIRE APPARENTLY STARTED IN SMALL TRASH CAN FROM DISCARDED MATCH OF CIGARETTE. DAMAGE TO STUDIO EXTENSIVE BUT NOT TOTAL AND SOME PAINTINGS SAID TO BE UNDAMAGED.

4. WHILE THERE IS NO EVIDENCE AT ALL OF FOUL PLAY, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE LOCAL BITTERNESS TOWARD THE TWO WHO ESCAPED APPARENTLY WITHOUT HAVING ATTEMPTED TO SAVE THE OTHERS.

5. A LOCAL CIVIL FUNERAL CEREMONY WILL BE HELD FOR RUKHIN TODAY AND A RELIGIOUS CEREMONY IS PLANNED FOR NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL MAY 26. BPAO IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH FAMILY.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE DR. SARAH BURKE,

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